

Headlight



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An Historic Debate, High on Drama

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At the time of this writing, the first debate between the presidential candidates has yet to take place. Whether Donald Trump manages to appear competent regarding foreign policy issues and embody a more restrained, thoughtful demeanor, or Hillary Clinton is able to convey sincerity and maintain composure under possible provocation, remains unknown. Regardless of who “wins” or “loses” this historic debate between the first woman at the top of a national ticket and a billionaire real estate developer/former reality show host, a constant thread of frustration and mistrust will likely remain among voters through November 8th. An Associated Press-NORC (National Opinion Research Center) poll reports this week that the majority of Americans “aren’t feeling proud or hopeful about the race, and half feel helpless” (Kellman and Swanson).

Even with this discontent, a remarkable 86% of Americans are still following the race while considering the merits of the least popular pair of presidential candidates in recent history. Most Americans feel that the campaign has lost sight of issues that matter the most, such as health care, Social Security, education, terrorism and homeland security. Attention has focused instead on fear and dishonesty, with Trump promoting fear by likening the U.S. refugee program to “a better, bigger more horrible version than the legendary Trojan Horse ever was... who knows, maybe it’s ISIS.” Likewise, Hillary Clinton’s hesitance to admit even the slightest weakness, such as pneumonia, has solidified her dishonesty in her critics’ minds.

Note: The Marblehead League of Women Voters will be holding a voter registration drive at MHS today (9/29) for students! If you are 18 years old and not yet registered, stop by the voter registration table during any lunch block and bring your driver’s license (or know your Social Security number). Contact Ms. Song with any questions.

What's Happening at MHS?

-Sunday, October 2, 10 AM-5 PM

4th annual Mattress Fundraiser in the MHS cafeteria. Proceeds benefit the MHS Band.

-Saturday, October 15

PSATs are taking place at MHS for all interested sophomores and juniors. Friday, October 7 is the last day to register.

-October 17-20

Senior portraits will take place at the school. Students must schedule a time; portraits for the yearbook may only be taken with G&B Photography. Call 1-800-639-2104 to schedule.

-Wednesday, October 19, 6 PM

Fall National Honor Society Induction.

-Friday, October 21

Picture Retake Day.

-Thursday, November 10

Last day of Quarter 1.

College Visits

-Friday, September 30

College Visits: MIT (8 AM); Penn State, St. Mary's (10 AM); Hofstra, Emerson (12:30 PM); Gettysburg, Tulane (1:30 PM)

-Wednesday, October 5

College Visits: Bryant, University of Maryland (8 AM); Colby (9 AM); University of Maine at Farmington (10 AM); University of British Columbia, UVM (1:30 PM)

-Thursday, October 6

College Visits: Chapman (8 AM); MCPHS (9 AM); Lynn (9:30 AM); Thomas (10 AM); Hobart & William Smith (12:30 PM); Wheaton (1:30 PM)

Alix Livermore's Top 10 Ladies' Songs of the Week

Alix Livermore, Sophomore
Reporter



1. The Danish Girl - Alexandre Desplat
2. Work Song - Hozier
3. Fresh Eyes - Andy Grammer
4. Rich Girl - Hall and Oates
5. All in My Head - Fifth Harmony ft. Fetty Wap
6. Dreams - Fleetwood Mac
7. You & Me - Marc E. Bassy
8. Ultralightbeam - Kanye West
9. Starving - Haley Steinfeld ft. Zedd
10. Friends - Ed Sheeran

The Stars Align, But Your Feelings About Them Don't

Luc Wortman, Sophomore
Reporter

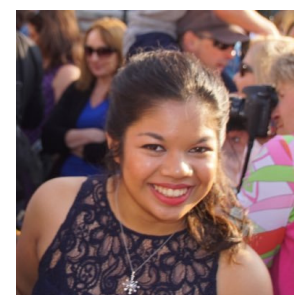
Houston, we have a problem. There is a new zodiac sign among us. First, let’s dive into some quick history about our universe and the stars. Three thousand years ago, astronomers were accurate enough to create a twelve-month calendar that is still used today and twelve zodiac signs to go along with them. This was because the sky is divided into twelve equal parts and constellations. But the Babylonians were hiding something from us: a thirteenth constellation. The idea of a new zodiac sign hit the mainstream when Time Magazine published an article in January of 2011 titled “Astrologers Get Their Say in the Horoscope Hub-bub.” This discovery and constellation being found and promoted, is technically credited to NASA, but they do not want to be a part of this new discovery that is changing people and their pets’ (if you are a zodiac sign fanatic) lives forever. Instead NASA is simply saying, “We study astronomy not astrology ... We didn’t change the signs; we just did the math. Astrology is not a science,” says NASA. Whether you believe in astrology or not, NASA clearly doesn’t.

The new sign is called Ophiuchus. According to the website “Zodiac Books,” the new sign means that you are “spirited, magnetic, impulsive, clever, flamboyant, and at times, jealous, power-hungry, and temperamental.” Your “affinity” is the Serpent. Now that you know the new sign and what it’s about, this change won’t affect the astrological outlook or sign for people living in the Western Hemisphere. The “Western” zodiac is based off of the “Tropical Zodiac,” meaning that the Western zodiac (Western Hemisphere, Americas, etc.) is based off of the seasons and won’t change. On the other hand, the “Sidereal” zodiac in the Eastern Hemisphere (Asia, Pacific, etc.) will change due to the correction from twelve to thirteen zodiac signs. So yes, the sign change is real, and the Babylonians didn’t let us know. A nice tweet would’ve been helpful to clear up the air, instead of waiting for three thousand years, but it’s okay, we forgive you. The Earth is constantly wobbling and moving and over many years it shifts, which in turn alters our projection from the sun. So expect another zodiac sign change in the centuries to come. 86% of people’s zodiac signs have changed, so for now, it seems okay to choose whether you want to be your “old” or “new” zodiac sign. Choose wisely!

SIGN	OLD DATES		NEW DATES	
Aries	March 20	to April 20	April 18	to May 13
Taurus	April 20	to May 21	May 13	to June 21
Gemini	May 21	to June 21	June 21	to July 20
Cancer	June 21	to July 23	July 20	to August 10
Leo	July 23	to August 23	August 10	to September 16
Virgo	August 23	to September 23	September 16	to October 30
Libra	September 23	to October 23	October 30	to November 23
Scorpio	October 23	to November 22	November 23	to November 29
Ophiuchus	N/A	to N/A	November 29	to December 17
Sagittarius	November 22	to December 23	December 17	to January 20
Capricorn	December 22	to January 20	January 20	to February 16
Aquarius	January 20	to February 19	February 16	to March 11
Pisces	February 19	to March 20	March 11	to April 18

Image Source: astrology.wonderhowto.com

Amber Born's Top Tweets @amber_r_born



"I tried to figure out the most Mean Girls jokes you're allowed to make. Turns out the limit does not exist."

"Writing a science-oriented parody of Things Fall Apart and calling it Entropy."

"I'm taking my time on my ride' - people who don't understand how roller coasters work."

"Just saw a male Ghostbuster in a Progressive ad. Ruined my summerhood."

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